

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. **290201-1010**
First Inventor **Bricker**
Title **TRENCH-FORMING APPARATUS AND METHODS**
Express Mail Label No. **EL993861225US**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See CFR 1.27
3. ☒ Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) [Total Pages **34**]
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed. Sponsored R&D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets **19**]
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **1**]
 - a. ☐ Newly Executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy (CRF)
 - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: /

Prior application information: **Examiner**

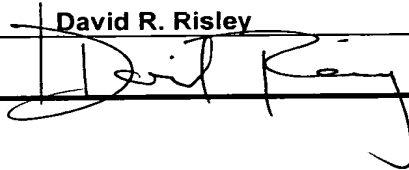
Group / Art Unit:

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: the entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility Filing Fee | 385.00 |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design Filing Fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant Filing Fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue Filing Fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional Filing Fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$) 385.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | Extra Claims | Fee From Below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Total Claims | 63 | - 20**= 43 | X 9.00 = 387 |
| Independent Claims | 15 | - 3**= 12 | X 43.00 = 516 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | 145.00 = |

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | | | | (\$) 903.00 |

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FEES CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge-late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive-unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 655 | Petition to revive-unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee for provisional application | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited exam. of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (3) | | | | | (\$) |

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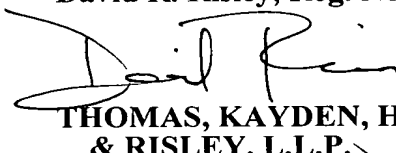
Enclosed for filing in the above case are the following documents:

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Utility Patent Application Transmittal Page
Fee Transmittal Page
Utility Patent Application Consisting Of:
19 Pages of Specification
15 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-63)
1 Page of Abstract
11 Pages of Formal Drawings (Fig(s). 1-19)
Information Disclosure Statement
PTO Form 1449 and One Cited Reference
Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney
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